



COUNCIL MEETING

2 February 2017

CORPORATE COMMISSIONING AND PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

Mike Barker, Acting Chief Executive

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the implementation of the attached Corporate Commissioning and Procurement Strategy.
2. Commissioning has a key role to play in the transformation necessary to determine what services are provided in the future, how they will be delivered and by whom.
3. The Corporate Commissioning and Procurement Strategy sets out how the Council will work with partners, allocate resources and deliver the best outcomes whilst making the “Gateshead Pound” go further.
4. The Corporate Commissioning and Procurement Strategy is set out in three categories; Strategic Commissioning, Commissioning Services and Commissioning for individuals. A training programme will be rolled out to ensure officers have the necessary skills and knowledge to undertake their role effectively.
5. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

6. It is recommended that Council:
 - (i) Approves the Corporate Commissioning and Procurement Strategy attached at Appendix 2 and its implementation across the Council;
 - (ii) Approves the development and roll out of a comprehensive training programme go all officers engaged in commissioning and procurement activity.